

Mandating a 'broadcast flag' is no solution: it will move all the costs of copy protection to technology companies and away from media companies. The media companies get all the benefits, but the technology companies and the general public takes it in the shorts, since general-purpose media technology will now be outlawed. And, like prohibition, outlawing items that the general public wants will only create a black market in those items, while stifling legitimate creative uses and totally eliminating fair use.

If media companies want copy protection, they should have to pay for it themselves. Don't penalize the rest of us for the benefit of a handful of companies. Please reject the broadcast flag.